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City of Santa Clara
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Peter Yoon, Maria Jensen, Jim Mathre, Yuki Ikezi,
R. Rushton Hurley, Barbara Stahl and Eugene Mirabella

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

CITY STAFF: Dan Beerman, Staff Liaison

VISITORS: Debi Davis (SCA)

Recommendation for Council Action – None.
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Chair Yoon called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

I. Roll Call
All present.

II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of August 5, 2008 were approved as amended to fix one spelling error.
(Hurley / Mirabella)

III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS
A letter was received from Izumo's Mayor Nishio to Mayor Mahan about the recent
Santa Clara student visit to Japan.

The meeting was adjourned briefly for the commission to be photographed for the City
calendar. Meeting resumed at 7:10 PM.

IV. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
None.

V. SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION
A. SCA Report (Attached)
Debi Davis presented the monthly report with a reminder to save the date for the SCI
Young Artist Showcase to be displayed at the Triton Museum in February 2009 with
a reception on Friday, February 6, 2009. SCA is also planning a big reception to
honor Santa Clara High School student, Johnny Chao and promote the art contest in
the schools. SCA President also received a letter from Mayor Nishi on a successful
trip with the SCA exchange program.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. Election of Officers

Chair:	Hurley	(nominated by Mathre / Jensen)
Vice Chair:	Yoon	(nominated by Stahl / Mathre)
Secretary:	Jensen	(nominated by Hurley / Stahl)

B. IEC Program Recommendations Update

The latest draft was presented for discussion, including an analysis of the programs offered by other cities. There are some grammatical errors in the current Council Criteria and there is a recommendation to correct those errors. There was some discussion on how to have public input into the report with perhaps a 3 month public review period.

Mathre offered to create a PowerPoint version of the report for the Council presentation.

Motion passed to accept the identified changes and for staff to pass the report to the City Manager for review and comment (Hurley / Stahl).

C. SCI NorCal Conference

Will be held October 18th in Sonoma.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Mathre, Yoon, Mirabella and Ikezi attended the San Francisco 49er BBQ event
- Hurley attended the SCA presentations at City Council.
- Hurley, Stahl, Yoon and Mirabella attended the SCA BBQ
- Yoon will be traveling to Italy and will miss the next meeting.

VIII. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner	Action	Date Due
All	Attend AB 1234 class	9/18/08
Staff	Discuss the IEC report with the City Manager for comment	10/07/08
Staff	Add Limerick progress status to the October agenda	10/07/08
Mathre	Create PowerPoint presentation of the IEC report	Open

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room (Jensen / Mathre). The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. (Hurley / Mathre).

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Mathre, Recording Secretary



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Report to the International Exchange Commission September 2, 2008

Izumo Update – The students did a fantastic job at the SOOB, August 19 and the Chicken BBQ, August 24. Comments made by the people in attendance to SCA members applauded the caliber of the students chosen and the depth of their experiences delivered in their speeches.

Mayor Nishio has sent a letter to SCA, President thanking SCA on the program that has strengthened over time and especially with this last exchange.

SCI Showcase of Young Artists- Save the date for February 6, 2009.

We will host for one month in February the SCI Showcase that will travel to all the US and Asian Cities that the 20 finalists hail from. Santa Clara High Schools, Johnny Chao was a finalist and his artwork has been chosen to be printed on thank you cards sold by SCI.

SCA will host the Showcase at the Triton Museum, February 6, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The reception will be an invitation only event that evening, afterward the artwork will remain on display for the remainder of the month.

We will encourage all students and community members to come see the creative artwork from our youth.

September Concert- The Concert is set for Thursday, September 11, at The Triton Museum, Redwood Grove at 5:00 pm. We have asked this year to bring dinner and a blanket and enjoy the concert under the stars.

Holiday Party- Save the date for Sunday, December 7, 2008 for our annual Holiday Party. We will again feature our year in review power point, thanking our members and community supporters for making SCSCA exchange programs a success.

Respectfully submitted by:
Debi Davis
President
Santa Clara Sister Cities Association